

## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

**Situation is Favorable to Beginning a Preliminary Settlement.**

**Military Operations in the Orient Are Virtually at a Standstill—German and Italian Expeditions Were Unopposed.**

Peking, Nov. 17, via Shanghai, Nov. 19.—The belief that the note of the powers to the Chinese commissioners, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, will be completed soon is strengthened by the results of the recent informal conferences of the ministers of the powers.

Mr. Conger, the United States minister, said to a correspondent Sunday:

"The situation is apparently very favorable to the early beginning of negotiations for the preliminary settlement. I believe that the next meeting of the foreign envoys will virtually settle all points of difference between the representatives of the powers who will lose no time in presenting the demands.

"What the result will be it is impossible to foretell. Even this has placed China in a very critical position. Whether she will be able to preserve her integrity and to save her trade relations with the rest of the world will depend upon what the powers demand in the final settlement and upon her willingness to accept promptly the conditions proposed.

"It is quite unlikely, if not impossible, that the Chinese court will return to Peking before next spring but I do not anticipate any serious delay in the progress of the negotiations with the Chinese commissioners as they are in telegraphic communication with the court."

Military operations are virtually at a standstill. The German and Italian expeditions northward passed the Nan Kau pass unopposed.

Peking, Nov. 16, via Shanghai, Nov. 19.—Sanitary conditions here are becoming serious. Since the foreign occupation many Chinese died of smallpox and other infectious diseases. Fearing that their funerals would be interfered with, they have kept most of the coffins containing their dead in their houses and court yards.

The question of removing garbage has become one of great importance. As the natives are forbidden to deposit refuse in the streets, there is now an enormous accumulation in their dwellings and yards, which threatens a serious epidemic. In view of the large number of troops in and near the capital the consequences of such an outbreak would be frightful. Smallpox, which is always prevalent, is much more malignant during the winter season, and the danger here is now alarmingly increasing.

Paris, Nov. 19.—The following advice have been received from Peking, dated November 17:

"M. Pichon (French minister in Peking) visited Li Hung Chang, who handed to him imperial decrees depriving Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang of their titles of nobility and directing that they be imprisoned at Mulden until death. The decrees assert that Prince Ying has already been degraded and imprisoned, that Prince Lien has been ordered not to leave his palace, that Duke Lin and Ying Nien, president of the censorate, and others, have been degraded and that Yu Hsien has been exiled.

"Another decree says it is impossible to arrest Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang at present because he is in possession of the troops, but that he will be punished later."

### THE CZAR'S CONDITION.

**Bulletins Give It as Favorable—Weakness of Heart, However, Causes Some Apprehension.**

London, Nov. 19.—The only reliable news regarding the condition of Emperor Nicholas published here Monday morning is the Livadia bulletin, but dispatches from Berlin and Copenhagen all speak equally favorable. A dispatch from the Danish capital says the dowager zarina will remain at Fredensborg possibly until December 3.

According to the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Express the weakness of the czar's heart causes some apprehension.

### Their Charred Remains Found.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 19.—The charred remains of Mrs. Mary Van Lieu, colored, and her two-year-old daughter, were found Sunday morning in the ruins of their home at Trenton Junction, which was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Robert Henson, also colored, was lodged in jail here Sunday night and committed to await a hearing on the charge of the murder of Mrs. Van Lieu and her daughter and the burning of their home.

### Cotton Burned.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 17.—A fire at noon Friday destroyed one section of the Ball Bros. compress and storage warehouse. Seven hundred bales of cotton were burned or damaged and the loss on the cotton and building was \$40,500, fully covered by insurance.

### Yellow Fever Situation Improving.

Havana, Nov. 17.—During the cool weather of the last three days the yellow fever situation has improved. Sixty-five cases are now under treatment, including seven Americans.

## THE HAWAIIAN RACE.

**The Decrease Has Been Steadily Growing Less for Some Years—The Effect of Annexation.**

Washington, Nov. 19.—The decrease of the Hawaiian race has been steadily growing less rapid for the past several decades, especially the female population, according to the annual report of ex-President Sanford B. Dole, governor of Hawaii. The increase of part Hawaiians tends to keep down the number of pure Hawaiians. While the figures show race progress, the census reports as to surviving children are discouraging. In both the censuses of 1890 and 1896 the pure Hawaiian percentage of survivors was the lowest of all nationalities represented in the islands. An encouraging outlook for the Hawaiians exists in the fact that out of 6,327 owners of real estate in 1896, 3,995 were pure Hawaiians and 722 part Hawaiians.

The facts are significant as showing the ownership of holdings by so large a number of pure Hawaiians and the evident tendency of the race to acquire homesteads. The ex-president reports that there is reason to expect that annexation is going to influence Hawaiian character very favorably through the changed conditions effected. Their old dependence on their chiefs has ceased, and they are forced to rely much on themselves, and their footing with the whites in general in the future will be equal. The political privileges they enjoy in common with other American citizens, he says, will tend to educate them in public affairs. The total valuation of real estate in Hawaii subject to ad valorem assessment in 1900 is \$97,491,584. The receipts from taxes are estimated at \$1,341,650. The commerce of Hawaii is shown for the period between January 1 and June 14, 1900, as follows:

Imports, \$10,683,516; exports, \$14,404,496; customs revenue, \$597,897. With the exception of the production of sugar, rice, firewood, fertilizers and live stock, and the promotion of irrigation, the development of the natural resources of the Hawaiian islands is stated to have scarcely begun. Recommendations are submitted for legislation thoroughly revising the Hawaiian corporation laws, in view of some deficiencies and questionable features in the same and new conditions since annexation; legislation for appointment of various commissioners for the protection of food fishes; providing for education of children unable to pass the required medical examinations; for irrigation legislation, and for a general act covering municipal systems. The report says the present aggregate area of the public lands is approximately 1,772,713 acres, valued at \$3,569,800.

### SUBMARINE BOATS.

**John Holland Has Planned a Number of Sea Voyages For His Vessels Now Building.**

New York, Nov. 19.—John Holland, the inventor of the submarine boat, Sunday announced that he has planned a number of sea voyages for his boats now under course of construction. These include a trip to Cuba and another to Europe. As a precautionary measure, a tender will accompany the boats. The tender will carry extra men and duplicate parts of the machinery, in case any of the crew are incapacitated or the submarine boats meet with accidents. A full crew of seven men will man each craft.

These sea trials will be made in March next, when the heaviest weather and the roughest seas are encountered in the Atlantic. The southern trip will be taken when the trip across the ocean is made. The first stop will be made at the Bermudas and the next at Lisbon.

### TRIPLE DROWNING.

**Three Persons Capsized From a Rowboat While Making Their Way to Board a Steamer.**

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 19.—A triple drowning is reported from Heceta lake, at the head of Hunter's bay, Alaska. The dead: Mrs. James Taylor, of San Francisco, Cal.; Miss Bafler, of Table Rock, Neb.; Foreman Early of the Hunter's Bay cannery. The three persons were capsized November 9 from a rowboat in which they were making their way out to board the steamer Valencia, which they proposed taking for San Francisco. Mrs. Taylor's body was rescued. She was the wife of James Taylor, formerly of Marysville, O., one of the managers of the Pacific Steam Whaling Co.'s cannery at Hunter's Bay. Miss Baker, who was a daughter of Mrs. G. W. Baker, of Table Rock, Neb., has been a missionary of Southwestern Alaska for ten years.

### Gen. Weyler's Denial.

Madrid, Nov. 19.—Gen. Weyler denies the statement published in Paris and cabled to the United States that he had told an interviewer that if he had remained in Cuba he would have ousted the Americans.

### Idaho's Official Returns.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 19.—Complete returns from the state election show an average plurality of 1,898 for Bryan electors. Hunt, fusion, has a plurality of 2,233 for governor, and Glenn, fusion, for congress, beats Morrison 1,193.

### Fenced He Would Go Insane.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Elmer G. Harz, a wealthy coal dealer residing at 504 Dearborn avenue, shot himself in the mouth, dying instantly. A note written by Mr. Harz stated that he feared he was going insane.

## SEVERAL SKIRMISHES.

**An Increase in Filipino and American Activity in the Field.**

**Insurgents Are Continually Shooting Into the Garrisoned Towns, and Our Forces Have Not Been Sufficient to Retaliate.**

Manila, Nov. 19.—First uncensored news by cablegram since the American occupation. Last week witnessed a considerable increase in rebel and American activity in the field. Many skirmishes occurred and several smaller engagements in Northern and Southern Luzon. The termination of the rains permits a resumption of operations on both sides. The Americans are undertaking a series of aggressive movements against the insurgents, notably upon the island of Samar, against Gen. Lukban, whose forces hold the entire island, with the exception of three coast towns, each of which is garrisoned by two companies of the 29th infantry and a platoon of artillery.

The rebels are continually shooting into the garrisoned towns, and our forces have not been sufficient to retaliate effectively. Commerce in Samar has been at a standstill, and most of the influential inhabitants have departed. Gen. Hare has arrived there with 250 men. He will bring eight companies of the 2d infantry from the island of Marinduque, as they may be needed, and will proceed energetically to crush Gen. Lukban. Meanwhile United States gunboats will patrol the coast to prevent the escape of the insurgent leader. Lukban still holds three members of the 43d regiment prisoners.

The rifles which the party of Capt. Devereaux Shields, of Company E, 29th volunteer infantry, lost last September in Marinduque, at the time of the capture, have not yet been recovered from all the insurgents.

All of the Marinduque garrisons are being continued. The 14th infantry, which recently arrived from China, will relieve the 21st infantry from duty in Manila, and the 21st will relieve the 38th infantry in Southern Luzon, the 38th proceeding to the island of Panay to reinforce the troops there. The 25th infantry will reinforce the garrisons in the island of Mindanao, particularly at Kagayan, where an armed truce between the Americans and rebels has existed for months past.

Gen. Wheaton, commanding in the department of Northern Luzon, is sending reinforcements to Gen. Young's provinces, where the natives under Gens. Tinio and Aglipay, the excommunicated Filipino priest, are showing signs of restlessness, deserting the domiciles they have occupied during the rainy season and joining under compulsion of fear the insurgents in the mountains.

Notable among the week's engagements was Gen. Grant's advance with Maccabee and American scouts upon a rebel stronghold 35 miles north of Manila, which was defended by 200 insurgents armed with rifles. After skirmishing and fighting for the greater part of a day and night, the enemy was dislodged from the mountain fastness, and immense quantities of rice and stores, with ammunition, were destroyed. Fifty Filipinos were killed and many others wounded. The insurgents carried off their dead. The American losses were 11 privates and one officer wounded and one Maccabee killed.

Lieut. Frederick W. Alstaeter, of the engineers, who was captured by the insurgents in Luzon last September, has sent, with the permission of his captors, a letter to Manila asking for food, money and clothing, which will be forwarded to him by a native runner. His health is broken, and his release problematical.

### ROBBED AND DESERTED.

**The Sad Experience of a Detroit Woman Who Had Been Married But a Few Hours.**

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 19.—Mrs. Hattie E. Norton, of Detroit, was married to Charles R. Holmes, of San Francisco, in Windsor, Ont., Saturday evening. Late Sunday afternoon Mrs. Holmes raised an alarm in the Manning hotel and sent messengers looking for her husband. He could not be found. Then she examined the lining of her skirt, where she had secreted \$700. The money was missing. Mrs. Holmes said she had known her husband but two weeks, having become acquainted with him through a matrimonial paper. After being married Saturday evening at the house of Rev. D. H. Hind they retired, first drinking some wine ordered by her husband. She says she believes he was drugged. Dr. A. Soper, who was called to attend her, said she was under the influence of a drug. The \$700 Mrs. Holmes says was drawn from the bank by her at the suggestion of Holmes. The police are looking for the absent man.

### Printers Abandon Farm.

New York, Nov. 19.—Announcement was made Sunday that Typographical union No. 6 has abandoned the experiment of trying to provide for its superannuated members and those out of work by giving them employment on a large farm near Bound Brook, N. J.

### His Books Show Shortage.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Robert J. Stoll, secretary-treasurer of the Monadnock Loan and Investment Co., has disappeared. It is said his books show a shortage of \$25,000.

## WIRELESS TELEPHONING.

**An Experiment Was Tried at Powderhorn Lake, Minn., Which Proved a Success.**

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 19.—An experiment in wireless telephoning which was tried at Powderhorn Lake Sunday afternoon proved a decided success and may take the place of the old system of wires.

The originator of the idea is J. C. Kelsey, who is in charge of the switchboard at the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co.'s building, and with him were five other employees of the company.

The method is a very simple one. On either side of the lake they strung a wire about one hundred feet in length, the two being parallel. They were above the ground, and fastened with grounding pins to insure better induction. An ordinary local telephone transmitter and receiver were attached to either wire. When the transmitting circuit is cut in it induces the current into the receiving circuit and when the receiving circuit is cut in it induces the current into the transmitting circuit.

In this way the advantage of both circuits is secured, with out the use of wire, and as a result the conversation can be carried on more easily and with better results. The wires to which the instruments were attached run parallel and there are two currents in operation all the time. The one going from one end of the wire to the other and the second flowing to its affinity, as it were—that is, the parallel wires.

The use of the system is not confined to water. It is available on land if good ground facilities can be secured. The experimenters say that they could easily converse a distance of 20 miles with the crude instruments used Sunday.

### BOY KILLED HIS FATHER.

**The Mother, Sister and the Latter's Husband Implicated in the Terrible Crime.**

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Nov. 19.—Walter Alexander, the 15-year-old son of Richard Alexander, a farmer living across the line in Arkansas, is under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in the death of his father, who was shot and killed Saturday. Young Alexander, who was arrested pending an investigation, is said to have confessed the crime and to have implicated his mother, sister, and the latter's husband, James Hogan, all of whom have been arrested and placed in jail at Corning, Ark.

Citizens are aroused, and Hogan, whom they profess to believe is at the bottom of the affair, will be taken to the county jail at Paragould, Ark., for safe keeping.

### FATAL HOTEL FIRE.

**The McGonigal House at Oswayo, Pa., Burned, and Four Men Lost Their Lives in the Flames.**

Oswayo, Pa., Nov. 19.—Four men were burned to death in a fire which Sunday destroyed the McGonigal house, a three-story frame building, the hotel barn and the opera house. The three buildings were burned to the ground in half an hour from the time the fire started.

The town has no fire department, the only protection being a pump at the tannery. The fire originated in the McGonigal house from the overpressure of natural gas. There were 30 people in the hotel, which was a flimsy structure. Two men were seriously injured. Otto Kauley, a gas line walker of Coudersport, Pa., was burned about the face and arms and Jerry Dailey sustained a broken shoulder by jumping from the third story of the hotel. There were many narrow escapes, most of the occupants jumping from the windows of the building.

### Wall Street Broker Assigns.

New York, Nov. 19.—Francis D. Carley, well known Wall street broker who lives at Orange, N. J., made the announcement Sunday at Newark that late on Saturday he filed in the United States district court at Trenton a petition in bankruptcy. The petition declares liabilities to be more than a million and the assets nothing.

### Cowboys' Duel.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 19.—John and Albert Alderice and Tobias Borner, cowboys, fought a duel in the mountains near Otto, Wyo. Three horses were killed and the Alderice brothers were seriously wounded. John received a ball in each arm and Albert was shot in the stomach. The two families have been at war for some time. Further trouble may result.

### A Block Burned.

Davenport, Ia., Nov. 19.—The Renwick block, occupied by the Davenport Furniture and Carpet Co., and the adjacent buildings of Harold Peterson Wallpaper Co., Jarvis, White & Co. and Berry shoe house, burned on Sunday afternoon. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$80,000.

### Whole Class Punished.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 19.—An order issued at the naval academy restricts the third class of cadets from privileges on account of their signing a paper asking clemency for a classmate who was recently dismissed for "gouging."

### "Billy" West Recovers.

New York, Nov. 19.—"Billy" West, the famous minstrel, and for a long time a member of the Primrose and West minstrel organization, has just passed successfully through a dangerous operation.

## A HORRIBLE PENALTY.

**Preston Porter, a Colored Lad, Dies at the Hands of a Mob.**

**Taken to the Spot Where He Murdered Little Louise Frost, He Was Chained to a Railroad Rail and Burned.**

Limon, Col., Nov. 17.—Chained to a railroad rail set firmly in the ground, on the exact spot where his fiendish crime was committed, Preston Porter, Jr., or, as he was familiarly known, John Porter, Friday evening paid a terrible penalty for his deed. It was 6:25 o'clock when the father of the murdered girl touched the match to the fuel which had been piled around the Negro, and 20 minutes later a last convulsive shudder told that life was extinct. What agony the doomed boy suffered while the flames shriveled up his flesh could only be guessed from the terrible contortions of his face and the cries he gave from time to time.

For more than an hour, while preparations for his execution were in progress, he stood mute and sullen among the avengers. When everything was ready he walked to the stake with a firm step, pausing as he reached the circle of broken boards to kneel in prayer. He was allowed to take his time. He arose and placed his back to the iron stake, and half a dozen men wound chains around his body and limbs.

Kerosene oil was applied to the wood, and after a brief pause Richard W. Frost, the father of little Louise Frost, whose cruelly mutilated body was found one week ago on that very spot, applied a match. For a moment but a little flickering flame arose. Then the oil blazed up, sparks flew into the air and the wood began to crackle. Almost instantly the Negro's trousers caught fire. At first he did not utter a sound.

Not an oath escaped him, but he begged and pleaded to be shot. Suddenly the rope holding his hands burned through. Then arms, head and shoulders slipped through the chains. For an instant the body stood erect, the arms were raised in supplication, while burning pieces of clothing dropped from them. The body then fell away from the fire, the head lower than the feet, still fastened to the rail. This was not expected, and for a few minutes those stolid men were disconcerted; they feared that the only remaining chain would give way. If this had occurred the partly burned human being would have dashed among them in his blazing garments, and not many would have cared to capture him again. But the chain held fast. The body was then in such a position that only the legs were in the fire. The cries of the wretch were redoubled, and he again begged to be shot.

The flames crept slowly upward on his clothing, the sparks flew up in a cloud of pale smoke. Porter turned his head and a frightful expression changed his face. With a sudden convulsive tugging he stretched his head as far from the rapidly increasing flames as possible and uttered a cry of pain.

"Oh, my God! men, let me go! I've got something more to tell you. Please let me go. Oh, my God! my God!"

In terrible screeches these words, the first he had uttered aloud, came from the Negro. A terrible tugging at the chains, a succession of awful groans and screams—the Negro's agony was at last breaking down his sullen composure.

Some wanted to throw him over into the fire; others tried to dash oil on him. Boards were carried and a large pile made over the prostrate body. They soon were ignited, and the terrible heat and lack of air quickly rendered the victim unconscious, bringing death a few moments later.

The train bearing the Negro, in custody of Sheriff Freeman and his deputies, arrived in Limon at 3:45 p.m. The cars were crowded with newspaper reporters and people who were curious to see the Negro executed. Richard Frost, the murdered girl's father, was one of the passengers. When the train stopped 16 men who had been selected by the vigilance committee entered the train and demanded the prisoner from the sheriff. Their every action was marked by calmness and determination. The officer protested in the name of the law and asked the men to allow him to take his prisoner to the county jail at Hugo, but his protests were disregarded.

One man carried a rope, one end of which had been formed into a hangman's noose. This was slipped over the Negro's neck. It was at first announced that the Negro was to be executed by hanging. Many, including the father of the Negro's victim, protested that such a death would be too easy, and it was finally decided to leave the method of death to the father. He decided upon burning at the stake. The train was then allowed to proceed.

### Clerks to Be Dismissed.

Washington, Nov. 17.—About 400 clerks in the census bureau will be dismissed between now and December 1, owing to the diminishing of the work. This will leave a force of about 3,000 at that time and the number will be materially reduced at intervals.

### Dewey Arch Demolished.

New York, Nov. 17.—A dozen men with pickaxes, crowbars and shovels appeared at Madison square at midnight to begin the work of removing the Dewey arch.

## POPULATION OF HAWAII.

**The Census Bureau Reports It to Be 154,001, an Increase of 44,981 Over 1896.**

Washington, Nov. 17.—The census bureau has issued a bulletin announcing the population of Hawaii by islands and districts. It shows the total population of Hawaii to be 154,001, an increase of 44,981, or 41.2 per cent. over 1896, the last census there. During the last ten years, from 1890 to 1900, or substantially the same interval as for the census of the United States proper, there has been an increase in population of 64,011, or 71.1 per cent. The total land surface of the Hawaiian islands is approximately 6,449 square miles; the average number of persons to the square mile being 23.8. The population of Hawaii in detail by islands is as follows:

Hawaii island, 46,843; Kauai island, 20,562; Maui island, 172; Maui island, 25,416; Molokai and Lanai islands, 2,504; Oahu island, 58,504.

All the islands have increased materially in population since 1890 with the exception of Molokai and Lanai islands, which show a combined loss of 11.3 per cent. The largest percentage of increase reported is 87.5 for Oahu island, in which the city of Honolulu is situated.

The city of Honolulu is co-extensive with the district of Honolulu, in Oahu island, and is practically the only city in Hawaii. Honolulu had a population in 1890 of 22,207, showing an increase from 1890 to 1900 of 16,339, or 71.5 per cent.

### NEW NAVAL GUNS.

**Those to Be Furnished the Battle Ships and Armored Cruisers Tested at Indian Head.**

Washington, Nov. 17.—Important tests of the new 12-inch naval gun, which is the type of the great guns to be furnished the new battle ships and armored cruisers, was in progress Thursday and Friday at Indian Head proving ground. The gun is the first of 40 for the new ships, and much interest has been shown in its performance. It is a modification of the old 12-inch gun, with an enlarged chamber suited to the use of smokeless powder, and designed to take much heavier charges and to secure a higher velocity and penetration than the old gun. The firing thus far has justified every expectation as to the new piece.

### APACHE INDIANS.

**A Band Attacks the Town of Pacheco, Mex., Twelve Men Killed and Six Wounded.**

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 17.—Dispatches received by the officials in Juarez, Mex., from Casas Grande state that a band of riding Apache Indians from San Carlos reservation, Ariz., attacked the town of Pacheco, Mex., 30 miles from Casas Grande, Thursday. In the fight which followed 12 Indians were killed and six Mormons wounded. Pacheco is a Mormon state having no communication with the outside world and details of the fight are lacking. Troops have been ordered from Casas Grande and Juarez to pursue the Apaches.

### A VALUABLE WOMAN.

**Mrs. Florence Pullman Lowden Is Insured For a Quarter of a Million Dollars.**

Chicago, Nov. 17.—If a human life can be measured in money, Mrs. Florence Pullman Lowden is to-day the most valuable woman in the world. By policies recently placed, announcement of which was made Friday, she is insured for a quarter of a million dollars, the heaviest insurance carried by a woman. Her husband, Col. Frank O. Lowden, has taken out policies in a like amount. Mrs. Lowden is one of the two daughters of the late George M. Pullman. She has been a beneficiary under his will to the amount of \$1,500,000.

### THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

**The Western Passenger Agents Refuse to Grant a Cent-a-Mile Rate For the Veterans.**

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Railroads of the eastern passenger association Friday formally decided not to authorize the granting of a cent a mile rate for the proposed encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Denver next August. Unless the veterans back down from their stand Cleveland, in all probability, will be the location of the 35th annual encampment.

### Secretary Griggs Will Retire.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Attorney General Griggs formally announced Thursday that he will leave the cabinet March 4 for purely business reasons.

### Failures For the Week.

New York, Nov. 17.—Failures for the week were 217 in the United States, against 219 last year, and 33 in Canada, against 20 last year.

### Boers Destroying Railways.

London, Nov. 17.—The Boers, according to the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, have broken the railway in 20 places between Bloemfontein and the Orange river, and the line was cut Friday between Kimberley and Belmont.

### Oldest Letter Carrier Dead.

New York, Nov. 17.—Charles A. Tyler, the oldest letter carrier in the world, is dead. Mr. Tyler, who was about 80 years old, had been in the employ of the post office department about 50 years.